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NOVA SCOTIA	1979 March to April Changes	
	Actual	Seasonall-Adjusted
Labour Force	3,000	-2,000
Employed	3,000	-1,000
Unemployed	-1,000	-1,000
Unemployment Rate (%)	-0.2	-0.2
Participation Rate (%)	0.2	-0.5
Employment-Population Ratio (%)	0.4	-0.2

ANALYSIS[1]

April saw the Nova Scotia unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted) fall by 0.2 percent - from 12.7 percent in March to 12.5 percent in April. A year ago at this time the rate was 11.4 percent. The reason behind this decline in the unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted) was the d-cline in the size of the labour force (seasonally-adjusted) and the consequent decline in both the levels of employment (seasonally-adjusted) and unemployment (seasonally-adjusted), by 2,000 persons and 1,000 persons and 1,000 persons, respectively. In comparison to a year ago at this time, the number of unemployed persons (seasonally-adjusted) remained the same at 38,000.

For the national average, the unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted) remained constant at 7.9 percent. The principal cause of this stability is the fact that the Canadian economy was strong enough to provide employment for some of the new entrants into the labour force. The total labour force (seasonally-adjusted) grew by 6,000 persons, while the number of employed (seasonally-adjusted) grew by 2,000 and the number of unemployed (seasonally-adjusted) grew by 4,000. Although the number of unemployed Canadians (seasonally-adjusted) increased more than the numbers of employed, the increase was not of sufficient size to have an impact on the unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted).

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For Nova Scotia this actual unemployment rate declined by 0.2 percentage points - from 12.7 percent in March to 12.5 percent in April. This decline was due to the fact that all of the new entrants into the provincial labour force were able to secure employment. There was also a decline in the number of unemployed by 1,000 persons. The ability of the provincial economy to provide employment opportunities for these new entrants into the labour force brought about the decline in the provincial unemployment rate.

Across the province, two regions reported an increase in their actual unemployment rates. The Valley region (Economic Region Group 8) and Economic Region Group 9 both witnessed increases in their unemployment rates. The remaining regions exhibited declines in their levels of unemployment. (See Table 8). The largest decline was found in Economic Region Group 7 with a fall of 1.6 percentage points, and the lowest decline was reported by the Halifax Metropolitan Area with a minus 0.1 percentage points. Cape Breton and the Valley region were the only areas that were above the provincial actual unemployment rate of 12.5 percent; all other regions were below. (See Table 8). Cape Breton, even with a decline of 1.0 percentage point for its unemployment rate still had the highest unemployment rate at 20.0 percent for the economic regions with the province.

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77 - JAN.	591	306	272	34	11.0	51.7	46.0
FEB.	592	311	271	41	13.1	52.6	45.7
MAR.	593	320	278	42	13.1	53.9	46.8
APR.	594	320	279	40	12.6	53.8	47.0
MAY	594	330	296	34	10.4	55.6	49.8
JUNE	595	337	305	32	9.5	56.6	51.2
JULY	596	351	317	34	9.8	58,9	53.1
AUG.	597	352	320	32	9.1	59.0	53.6
SEPT.	598	333	301	32	9.6	55.7	50.3
OCT.	599	331	300	31	9.4	55.1	50.1
NOV.	600	330	297	33	10.0	54.9	49.4
DEC.	601	325	292	33	10.0	54.1	48.7
ERAGE 1977	596	329	294	35	10.6	55.2	49.3
78 - JAN.	603	318	281	37	11.6	52.9	46.8
FEB.	603	321	284	38	11.8	53.3	47.1
MAR.	603	324	282	42	12.8	53.7	46.8
APR.	604	335	293	42	12.6	55.4	48.5
MAY	506	343	306	37	10.7	56.7	50.6
JUNE	606	351	317	34	9.7	57.9	52.2
JULY	607	366	328	39	10.5	60.3	54.0
AUG.	608	361	327	34	9.4	59.4	53.8
SEPT.	609	345	314	31	9.0	56.6	51.5
OCT.	610	349	317	32	9.3	57.2	51.9
NOV.	611	346	312	34	9.9	56.7	51.1
DEC.	612	344	310	34	9.9	56.2	50.7
ERAGE 1978	607	342	306	36	10.6	56.4	50.4
79 - JAN.	613	343	300	43	12.5	55.9	48.9
FEB.	614	339	300	39	11.5	55.2	48.8
MAR.	615	344	300	44	12.7	56.0	48.8
APR.	616	347	303	43	12.5	56.2	49.2

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(SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED)

	Labour Force (000's)	Employed (000's)	Unemployed (000's)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)	Employment Population Ratio (%)
AVERAGE 1976	322	292	31	9.5	55.1	49.9
1977 - JAN.	319	287	32	10.0	54.0	48.6
FEB.	325	287	38	11.7	54.9	48.5
MAR.	331	292	39	11.8	55.8	49.2
APR.	326	290	36	11.0	54.9	48.8
MAY	328	294	34	10.4	55.2	49.5
JUNE	328	294	34	10.4	55.1	49.4
JULY	329	297	32	9.7	55.2	49.8
AUG.	334	301	33	9.9	55.9	50.4
SEPT.	332	297	35	10.5	55.5	49.7
OCT.	329	295	34	10.3	59.9	49.2
NOV.	331	296	35	10.6	55.2	49.3
DEC.	330	295	35	10.6	54.9	49.1
AVERAGE 1977	329	294	35	10.6	55.1	49.3
1978 - JAN.	332	297	35	10.5	55.1	49.3
FEB.	335	300	35	10.4	55.6	49.8
MAR.	334	296	38	11.4	55.4	49.1
APR.	341	304	37	10.9	56.5	50.3
MAY	341	304	37	10.9	56.3	50.2
JUNE	342	306	36	10.5	56.4	50.5
JULY	345	308	37	10.7	56.8	50.7
AUG.	344	308	36	10.5	56.6	50.7
SEPT.	343	309	34	9.9	56.3	50.7
OCT.	347	312	33	10.1	56.9	51.1
NOV.	348	312	33	10.3	57.0	51.1
DEC.	349	313	36	10.3	57.0	51.1
AVERAGE 1978	342	306	36	10.5	56.3	50.4
1979 - JAN.	357	316	41	11.5	58.2	51.5
FEB.	353	316	37	10.5	57.5	51.5
MAR.	354	315	39	11.0	57.6	51.2
APR.	352	314	38	10.8	57.1	51.0

TABLE 3: - ACTUAL AND SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED LABOUR FORCE DATA

	LABOUR FORCE (000's)		EMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOY-MENT RATE (%)		PARTICIPA-TION RATE (%)		EMPLOYMENT POPULATION RATIO (%)	
	Actual	Season-ally Adjusted	Actual	Season-ally Adjusted	Actual	Season-ally Adjusted	Actual	Season-ally Adjusted	Actual	Season-ally Adjusted	Actual	Season ally Adjust
CANADA												
Apr.	10,947	11,153	10,004	10,273	943	880	8.6	7.9	62.1	63.3	56.8	58.3
Mar.	10,932	11,147	9,956	10,271	976	876	8.9	7.9	62.1	63.3	56.6	58.4
NOVA SCOTIA												
Apr.	347	352	303	314	43	38	12.5	10.8	56.2	57.1	49.2	51.0
Mar.	344	354	300	315	44	39	12.7	11.0	56.0	57.6	48.8	51.2
NEW BRUNSWICK												
Apr.	269	282	229	248	39	34	14.7	12.1	53.3	56.0	45.5	49.2
Mar.	264	281	227	247	38	34	14.3	12.1	52.6	55.9	45.1	49.1
NEWFOUNDLAND												
Apr.	201	210	164	177	36	33	18.2	15.7	51.4	53.8	42.1	45.4
Mar.	193	205	154	169	39	36	20.1	17.6	49.5	52.6	39.6	43.3
P.E.I.												
Apr.	51	53	42	46	8	7	16.5	12.4	57.5	60.2	48.0	52.3
Mar.	49	51	42	45	7	6	15.0	12.2	55.9	58.0	47.5	51.1
QUEBEC												
Apr.	2,797	2,863	2,498	2,571	300	292	10.7	10.2	58.5	59.9	52.2	53.8
Mar.	2,796	2,854	2,468	2,552	328	302	11.7	10.6	58.6	59.8	51.7	53.5
ONTARIO												
Apr.	4,206	4,273	3,900	3,986	306	287	7.3	6.7	65.5	66.6	60.8	62.1
Mar.	4,208	4,271	3,888	3,986	319	285	7.6	6.7	65.7	66.7	60.7	62.2

TABLE 4: - LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,947	347	269	2,797	4,206
Male	6,655	215	166	1,745	2,493
Female	4,292	132	102	1,053	1,713
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,846	98	74	718	1,056
25 and over	8,101	249	195	2,079	3,150
15 - 19 years	1,148	39	29	254	450
20 - 24 years	1,698	59	45	465	606
25 - 44 years	5,066	160	127	1,348	1,919
45 - 64 years	2,853	83	63	695	1,160
65 and over	182	6	5	36	71

The monthly labour force survey estimates that the labour force in Nova Scotia was 347,000 in April. This level is an increase of 3,000 persons over March's figures, while in comparison to a year ago at this time, the labour force has increased by 12,000 persons. For the sex breakdown in April, the male sector grew by 3,000 persons, while the female sector had no change from March at 132,000 persons.

In the age-group distribution, there were two age-groups which reported no change, two which reported increases and the remaining group a decline. Both the 45 - 64 years and 65 and over age groups reported no change from the previous period. Employment increased in the 15 - 19 years and 20 - 24 years age-groups by 2,000 persons each. The only age-group to report a decline was the 25 - 44 year age-group, of 1,000 persons.

Note: In instances where the numbers do not sum up to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,004	393	229	2,498	3,900
Male	6.105	190	143	1,559	2,328
Female	3,899	113	87	939	1,572
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,422	76	56	598	914
25 and over	7,582	227	173	1,900	2,986
15 - 19 years	932	29	21	199	373
20 - 24 years	1,490	48	35	399	541
25 - 44 years	4,710	145	111	1,225	1,808
45 - 64 years	2,695	76	57	639	1,109
65 and over	178	6	5	35	69

Actual employment during April was 303,000, an increase of 3,000 persons over March's figure. For the sex breakdown, the male sector reported an increase of 5,000 persons, while the female sector reported a decline of 2,000 persons.

For employment by age, two age-groups reported no change, two reported increases, and one age-group showed a decline in employment. Both 15 - 19 years and 20 - 24 years age-groups reported increases in employment levels of 3,000 and 2,000 persons, respectively. The 45 - 64 year age group reported a decline of 2,000 persons, while the 25 - 44 years and 65 and over age-groups reported no change.

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TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	10,004	303	229	2,498	3,900
Goods Producing					
Agriculture	472	6	6	65	146
Other Primary	233	13	6	40	43
Manufacturing	2,007	45	33	574	990
Construction	565	18	16	102	198
Service-Producing					
Transportation/Comm. and Other Utilities	864	31	24	225	289
Trade	1,763	60	47	429	670
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	551	15	10	128	236
Community Business & Personal Service	2,878	89	68	763	1,084
Public Administration	671	26	19	172	245

For the goods-producing sector, there were no industries reporting a decline in their figures. Manufacturing and other primary industries both increased by 1,000, while agriculture and construction remained unchanged, with respect to employment levels.

In the service-producing sector, two industries reported no change in their employment levels. These were public administration and transportation. Trade reported an increase of 4,000 persons, while finance and service reported declines of 2,000 and 1,000 persons, respectively.

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TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

EMPLOYED (By Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	10,004	393	229	2,498	3,900
Managerial	2,315	71	53	628	873
Clerical	1,733	49	36	445	709
Sales	1,043	35	26	248	399
Service	1,312	39	33	321	512
Primary Occupations	605	17	10	90	173
Processing	1,624	43	32	452	738
Construction	577	21	18	109	204
Transportation	406	15	10	104	145
Materials Handling & Other Crafts	389	14	10	101	146

Total employment in all occupations reported an increase of 3,000 persons for April. Six occupations reported an increase in their employment levels. These were sales with 3,000 persons, primary occupations and materials handling with 2,000 persons each, and clerical, processing and construction with 1,000 persons each. Managerial reported the largest decline in employment, 4,000 persons, while service and transportation both lost 1,000 persons each.

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TABLE 8

Labour Force Data For Economic Regions

Within Nova Scotia

April, 1979

Unemployment Rates

	April	March	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	20.0	21.0	-1.0
Economic Region (Group 7)	11.6	13.2	-1.6
Economic Region (Group 8)	16.4	15.2	1.2
Economic Region (Group 9)	10.7	8.9	1.8
Economic Region (Group 10)	9.2	9.4	-0.2
Halifax Metropolitan Area	8.9	9.0	-0.1

Participation Rates

	April	March	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	50.7	50.2	0.5
Economic Region (Group 7)	50.4	51.1	-0.7
Economic Region (Group 8)	51.6	52.1	-0.5
Economic Region (Group 9)	54.6	51.8	2.8
Economic Region (Group 10)	65.2	65.5	-0.3
Halifax Metropolitan Area	66.9	67.6	-0.7

Employment-Population Ratio

	April	March	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	40.5	39.7	0.8
Economic Region (Group 7)	44.5	44.3	0.2
Economic Region (Group 8)	43.2	44.1	-0.9
Economic Region (Group 9)	48.7	47.2	1.5
Economic Region (Group 10)	59.2	59.4	-0.2
Halifax Metropolitan Area	61.0	61.5	-0.5

Economic Region (Group 6) includes all Cape Breton Island
Economic Region (Group 7) includes the counties of Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough and Pictou
Economic Region (Group 8) includes the counties of Annapolic, Hants and Kings
Economic Region (Group 9) includes the counties of Digby, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth
Economic Region (Group 10) includes the county of Halifax

TABLE 9

TOTAL LABOUR FORCE BREAKDOWN FOR ECONOMIC REGIONS

WITHIN NOVA SCOTIA

APRIL, 1979

(000's)

	Population	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate %	Participation Rate %	Employment Population Ratio %
Economic Region (Group 6)	119	60	48	12	20.0	50.7	40.5
Economic Region (Group 7)	112	57	50	7	11.6	50.4	44.5
Economic Region (Group 8)	75	39	33	6	16.4	51.6	43.2
Economic Region (Group 9)	85	47	42	5	10.7	54.6	48.7
Economic Region (Group 10)	218	142	129	13	9.2	65.2	59.2
Halifax Metropolitan Area	185	124	113	11	8.9	66.9	61.0

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Labour Force	+6,000	-1,000
Employed	+17,000	+4,000
Unemployed	-10,000	-5,000
Unemployment Rate (%)	-3.2	-1.4
Participation Rate (%)	+1.0	-0.2
Employment - Population Rate (%)	+1.4	+0.5

ANALYSIS[1]

May saw the unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted) fall by 1.4 percent - from 10.8 percent in April to 9.4 percent in May. A year ago at this time the rate was 10.9 percent. The reason behind this decline in the unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted) was the drop experienced in the number of unemployed persons (seasonally-adjusted) in the province. The provincial unemployment level (seasonally-adjusted) decreased by 5,000 persons, of which 4,000 secured employment, and the remaining 1,000 withdrew their services from the labour market. In comparison to a year ago at this time, there were 37,000 unemployed persons (seasonally-adjusted), 4,000 more than this year's monthly figure.

For the national average, the unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted) fell by 0.2 percentage points - from 7.9 percent in April to 7.7 percent in May. This decline was due to the drop in the numbers of unemployed persons (seasonally-adjusted) at the national level. There were 27,000 fewer unemployed persons (seasonally-adjusted) in May than there were in April. Of these 27,000 persons, 13,000 secured employment while the remaining 14,000 withdrew from the labour force.

The actual number of persons unemployed (the real number of persons unemployed with no seasonally-adjusted calculation) for Canada dropped by 107,000 persons - from 945,000 in April to 836,000 in May. This reduction resulted in a fall in the actual unemployment rate (unemployment rate with no seasonally-adjusted calculations) from 8.6 percent in April to 7.5 percent in May.

For Nova Scotia, this actual unemployment rate (with no seasonally-adjusted calculations)declined by 3.2 percent - from 12.5 percent in April to 9.3 percent in May. This drop was caused by the significant increase in the level of employment in the province. Actual employment (employment with no seasonally-adjusted calculations) increased by 17,000 persons. Of these 17,000 persons, 10,000 represented a decline in the level of provincial unemployment (unemployment with no seasonally-adjusted calculations) while the remaining 6,000 represented an increase in the provincial labour force (labour force with no seasonally-adjusted calculations). The provincial unemployment rate (unemployment rate with no seasonally-adjusted calculations) fell so dramatically because of the significant increase in provincial employment levels.

Across the province, all regions reported a decline in their actual unemployment rates. Cape Breton Island showed the greatest drop in its unemployment rate, falling by 6.1 percentage points. The smallest drop was reported by Halifax County, where the unemployment rate fell by 1.6 percent. (See Table 8). Only two regions reported unemployment rates which were above the actual provincial unemployment rate of 9.3 percent - these were Cape Breton Island and the Valley Region; all other regions were below. (See Table 8). Cape Breton Island, even with a 6.1 percent drop in its unemployment rate, still had the highest unemployment rate of all the economic regions within the province at 13.9 percent.

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CANADA												
May	11,200	11,139	10,363	10,286	836	853	7.5	7.7	63.4	63.1	58.7	58.3
Apr.	10,947	11,153	10,004	10,273	943	880	8.6	7.9	62.1	63.3	56.8	58.3
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NEW BRUNSWICK												
May	285	283	253	252	32	31	11.2	11.0	56.5	56.2	50.2	50.0
Apr.	269	282	229	248	39	34	14.7	12.1	53.3	56.0	45.5	49.2
NEWFOUNDLAND												
May	208	207	172	173	36	34	17.2	16.4	53.2	52.9	44.0	44.2
Apr.	201	210	164	177	36	33	18.2	15.7	51.4	53.8	42.1	45.4
P.E.I.												
May	53	52	48	46	6	6	10.8	11.4	60.4	59.1	53.9	52.3
Apr.	51	53	42	46	8	7	16.5	12.4	57.5	60.2	48.0	52.3
QUEBEC												
May	2,856	2,856	2,581	2,576	275	280	9.6	9.8	59.7	59.7	53.9	53.8
Apr.	2,797	2,863	2,498	2,571	300	292	10.7	10.2	58.5	59.9	52.2	53.8
ONTARIO												
May	4,285	4,269	4,010	3,988	276	281	6.4	6.6	66.7	66.4	62.4	62.1
Apr.	4,206	4,273	3,900	3,986	306	287	7.3	6.7	65.5	66.6	60.8	62.1

TABLE 4: - LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	11,200	353	285	2,856	4,285
Male	6,851	220	178	1,791	2,558
Female	4,348	134	107	1,066	1,727
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	3,050	103	84	762	1,136
25 and over	8,149	250	201	2,094	3,149
15 - 19 years	1,221	39	32	269	474
20 - 24 years	1,830	64	52	494	662
25 - 44 years	5,099	160	131	1,361	1,922
45 - 64 years	2,862	84	65	693	1,154
65 and over	189	6	5	40	72

The monthly labour force survey estimates that the labour force in Nova Scotia was 353,000 persons in May. This represents an increase of 6,000 persons over April's figure, while in comparison to a year ago at this time, the labour force has increased by 10,000 persons. For the sex breakdown in May, the male sector grew by 5,000 persons, while the female sector grew by 2,000 persons.

In the age-group distribution, there were no age-groups reporting a drop in their numbers in regards to the provincial labour force. The 15 - 19 years, 25 - 44 years, and 65 and over age groups reported no change from their April labour force figures. The 20 - 24 year age group reported an increase of 5,000 persons, while the 45 - 64 year age group reported a 1,000 person increase.

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TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,363	320	253	2,581	4,010
Male	6,389	202	159	1,632	2,412
Female	3,974	119	94	949	1,597
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,649	86	69	636	1,005
25 and over	7,715	235	184	1,945	3,005
15 - 19 years	1,037	32	25	217	414
20 - 24 years	1,612	54	44	418	591
25 - 44 years	4,799	149	118	1,259	1,824
45 - 64 years	2,730	80	61	647	1,109
65 and over	186	6	4	39	72

Actual employment during May was 320,000, an increase of 17,000 persons over April's figures. For the sex breakdown, the male sector reported an increase of 12,000 persons, while the female sector reported an increase of 6,000 persons.

For employment by age, there were no age groups reporting a drop in employment levels. The only age group to remain constant for May was the 65 and over category. The 20 - 24 year and 45 - 64 year age-groups reported increases of 4,000 persons. And the remaining group, 15 - 19 years, showed an increase of 3,000 persons in terms of employment. The 20 - 24 year age-group reported the largest increase, 6,000 persons.

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TABLE 6: - EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed (By Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	10,363	320	253	2,581	4.010
Goods-Producing					
Agriculture	516	7	7	67	156
Other Primary	267	16	11	49	49
Manufacturing	2,014	46	41	572	979
Construction	659	22	20	129	232
Service-Producing					
Trans./Comm. & Other Utilities	896	30	26	229	306
Trade	1,794	61	48	435	687
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	556	18	11	124	240
Community Business & Personal Service	2,947	90	70	787	1,104
Public Administration	714	30	20	186	257

For the goods-producing sector, there were no industries reporting a decline in employment levels. Construction showed the largest increase, 4,000 persons, followed by Other Primary, which increased by 3,000 persons. Both agriculature and manufacturing reported 1,000 person increases in their employment levels.

Only one industry in the service-producing sector reported a decline; the transportation industry reported a decline of 1,000 persons. The largest increase, 4,000 persons, was reported by the public administration sector, followed by a 2,000 person increase in the finance industry. Both the trade and service industries reported increases of 1,000 persons in the employment levels.

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TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed (by Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
TOTAL	10,363	320	253	2,581	4,010
Managerial	2,371	71	54	637	897
Clerical	1,757	50	39	446	724
Sales	1,064	38	26	252	409
Service	1,342	43	35	334	511
Primary Occupations	702	22	15	110	197
Processing	1,641	44	38	458	734
Construction	660	24	23	132	233
Transportation	406	15	12	112	157
Materials Handline & Other Crafts	431	13	11	101	149

Total employment in all occupations reported an increase of 17,000 persons for May. Only one occupation reported a drop in its employment level; employment in materials handling occupations fell by 1,000 persons. Primary Occuaptions reported the largest increase, 5,000 persons, followed by service, which increased by 4,000 persons. Sales and construction each had increases of 3,000 persons while clerical and processing occupations both increased by 1,000 persons. The only occupational categories to show no changes in employment levels were managerial and transportation.

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TABLE 8

Labour Force Data For Economic Regions

Within Nova Scotia

May, 1979

Unemployment Rates

	May	April	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	13.9	20.0	-6.1
Economic Region (Group 7)	7.9	11.6	-3.7
Economic Region (Group 8)	12.3	16.4	-4.1
Economic Region (Group 9)	7.3	10.7	-3.4
Economic Region (Group 10)	7.6	9.2	-1.6
Halifax Metropolitan Area	7.1	8.9	-1.8

Participation Rates

	May	April	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	50.9	50.7	0.2
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Economic Region (Group 9)	55.9	54.6	1.3
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Halifax Metropolitan Area	68.1	66.9	1.2

Employment-Population Ratio

	May	April	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	43.8	40.5	3.3
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Economic Region (Group 8)	48.8	43.2	5.6
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Economic Region (Group 10)	61.2	59.2	2.0
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TOTAL LABOUR FORCE BREAKDOWN FOR ECONOMIC REGIONS

WITHIN NOVA SCOTIA

MAY, 1979

(000's)

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FOREWORD

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NOVA SCOTIA	1979 May to June Changes Actual	Seasonally-Adjusted
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Participation Rate (%)	--	-0.9
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ANALYSIS[1]

The unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted) in Nova Scotia fell by 0.4 percent, from 9.4 percent in May to 9.0 percent in June. A year ago at this time the rate was 10.5 percent. This decline in the unemployment rate (seasonally-adjusted) was due to the contraction of the provincial labour force (seasonally-adjusted). The labour force decreased by 5,000 persons in the month of June. This decline represents a 3,000 person drop in provincial employment levels (seasonally-adjusted) and a 2,000 person drop in provincial unemployment levels (seasonally-adjusted); employment and unemployment levels were 315,000 and 31,000 persons, respectively. In comparison to a year ago at this time, there were 36,000 persons unemployed (seasonally-adjusted).

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NOV.	348	312	33	10.3	57.0	51.1
DEC.	349	313	36	10.3	57.0	51.1
AVERAGE 1978	342	306	36	10.5	56.3	50.4
1979 - JAN.	357	316	41	11.5	58.2	51.5
FEB.	353	316	37	10.5	57.5	51.5
MAR.	354	315	39	11.0	57.6	51.2
APR.	352	314	38	10.8	57.1	51.0
MAY	351	318	33	9.4	56.9	51.5
JUNE	346	315	31	9.0	56.0	51.0

TABLE 3: - ACTUAL AND SEASONALLY-ADJUSTED LABOUR FORCE DATA

	LABOUR FORCE (000's)		EMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOYED (000's)		UNEMPLOY-MENT RATE (%)		PARTICIPA-TION RATE (%)		EMPLOYMENT POPULATION RATIO (%)	
	Actual	Season-ally Adjusted	Actual	Season-ally Adjusted	Actual	Season-ally Adjusted	Actual	Season-ally Adjusted	Actual	Season-ally Adjusted	Actual	Season-ally Adjus-ted
CANADA												
June	11,424	11,139	10,626	10,308	798	831	7.0	7.5	64.6	63.0	60.1	58.3
May	11,200	11,139	10,363	10,286	836	853	7.5	7.7	63.4	63.1	58.7	58.3
NOVA SCOTIA												
June	353	346	326	315	28	31	7.8	9.0	57.2	56.0	52.7	51.0
May	353	351	320	318	33	33	9.3	9.4	57.2	56.9	50.6	51.5
NEW BRUNSWICK												
June	290	278	262	248	28	30	9.7	10.8	57.5	55.0	51.9	49.1
May	285	283	253	252	32	31	11.2	11.0	56.5	56.2	50.2	50.0
NEWFOUNDLAND												
June	218	206	186	174	31	32	14.3	15.5	55.6	52.6	47.6	44.4
May	208	207	172	173	36	34	17.2	16.4	53.2	52.9	44.0	44.2
P. E. I.												
June	56	52	50	46	5	6	9.7	12.1	62.8	58.4	56.7	51.7
May	53	52	48	46	6	6	10.8	11.4	60.4	59.1	53.9	52.3
QUEBEC												
June	2,945	2,862	2,677	2,590	268	272	9.1	9.5	61.5	59.7	55.9	54.1
May	2,856	2,856	2,581	2,576	275	280	9.6	9.8	59.7	59.7	53.9	53.8
ONTARIO												
June	4,371	4,271	4,088	3,988	283	283	6.5	6.6	67.9	66.4	63.5	62.0
May	4,285	4,269	4,010	3,988	276	281	6.4	6.6	66.7	66.4	62.4	62.1

TABLE 4: - LABOUR FORCE BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Labour Force	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	11,424	353	290	2,945	4,371
Male	6,962	222	184	1,839	2,587
Female	4,462	132	107	1,107	1,784
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	3,225	104	88	829	1,211
25 and over	8,198	250	203	2,116	3,160
15 - 19 years	1,344	40	35	320	529
20 - 24 years	1,881	64	53	510	682
25 - 44 years	5,122	160	132	1,362	1,931
45 - 64 years	2,888	84	66	713	1,153
65 and over	189	6	5	41	75

The monthly labour force survey estimates that the labour force in Nova Scotia was 353,000 persons in June, showing no change from the previous month. In comparison to a year ago at this time, this represents an increase of 2,000 persons. For the sex breakdown in June, the male component of the labour force grew by 2,000 persons, while the female component fell by 2,000 persons.

In the age group distribution, there was only one group reporting an increase. The 15 - 19 year age-group reported a 1,000 person increase in terms of the size of the labour force. All other age-groups remained at their May levels.

NOTE: In instances where the numbers do not sum to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 5: - EMPLOYMENT BY AGE AND SEX

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,626	326	262	2,677	4,088
Male	6,558	207	168	1,701	2,448
Female	4,068	119	94	976	1,640
Age Categories					
15 - 24 years	2,825	89	74	691	1,067
25 and over	7,801	237	188	1,986	3,021
15 - 19 years	1,136	33	27	254	447
20 - 24 years	1,689	56	46	437	620
25 - 44 years	4,845	151	121	1,274	1,836
45 - 64 years	2,769	81	62	672	1,110
65 and over	187	6	5	40	75

Actual employment during June was 326,000, an increase of 6,000 persons over May's levels. For the sex breakdown, the male component reported an increase of 5,000 persons, while the female component of provincial employment remained unchanged.

For employment by age, there were no age groups reporting a decline in their level of employment. Both the 20 - 24 years and 25 - 44 years age-groups reported increases of 2,000 persons in their employment levels. The 15 - 19 years and 45 - 64 years age-groups showed increases of 1,000 persons, while the remaining age-group, 65 and over, showed no change from the previous months employment levels.

NOTE: In instances where the numbers do not sum to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 6: EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed (by Industry)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,626	326	262	2,677	4,088
Goods-Producing					
Agriculture	528	8	7	74	159
Other Primary	284	16	13	56	45
Manufacturing	2,083	46	42	599	1,015
Construction	689	24	23	136	238
Service-Producing					
Transportation/Comm. and Other Utilities	922	31	27	240	310
Trade	1,824	59	48	448	688
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	556	18	11	131	233
Community Business & Personal Service	2,998	92	70	797	1,134
Public Administration	740	32	20	196	264

For the goods-producing sector, there were no industries reporting a decline in employment levels. Construction, for the second month in a row, reported the largest increase, increasing by 2,000 persons in June. Agriculture employment levels increased by 1,000 while Other Primary and Manufacturing showed no change from May's level.

Only one industry in the service-planning sector reported a decline; trade employment levels fell by 2,000 persons. Service and public administration both increased by 2,000 while transportation increased by 1,000 persons. Finance was the only industry to report no change from the previous months employment levels.

NOTE: In instances where the numbers do not sum to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 7: - EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

(ACTUAL SERIES)

(000's)

Employed (by Occupation)	Canada	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
Total	10,626	326	262	2,677	4,088
Managerial	2,411	70	54	652	911
Clerical	1,794	48	38	452	746
Sales	1,087	38	26	262	414
Service	1,380	46	36	350	528
Primary Occupations	735	24	17	119	202
Processing	1,656	43	39	473	730
Construction	705	27	26	143	245
Transportation	440	15	14	116	154
Materials Handling and Other Crafts	418	15	11	110	156

Total employment in all occupations was up by 6,000 persons from the previous month's levels. Three occupations reported a drop in their employment levels; employment in clerical occupations fell by 2,000 persons while employment in managerial and processing occupations fell by 1,000 persons. The largest increase in employment levels occurred in the construction and service occupations, where employment rose by 5,000 persons. Primary occupations and materials handling increased by 2,000 persons while sales and transportation occupations remained at the previous month's levels.

NOTE: In instances where the numbers do not sum to the total, small variations are due to rounding procedures.

TABLE 8

Labour Force Data For Economic Regions

Within Nova Scotia

June, 1979

Unemployment Rates

	June	May	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	12.8	13.9	-1.1
Economic Region (Group 7)	7.1	7.9	-0.8
Economic Region (Group 8)	7.9	12.3	-4.4
Economic Region (Group 9)	5.6	7.3	-1.7
Economic Region (Group 10)	6.5	7.6	-1.1
Halifax Metropolitan Area	6.4	7.1	-0.7

Participation Rates

	June	May	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	51.5	50.9	+0.6
Economic Region (Group 7)	51.7	50.0	+1.7
Economic Region (Group 8)	55.4	55.6	-0.2
Economic Region (Group 9)	55.8	55.9	-0.1
Economic Region (Group 10)	64.8	66.2	-1.4
Halifax Metropolitan Area	66.1	68.1	-2.0

Employment-Population Ratio

	June	May	% Change
Economic Region (Group 6)	44.9	43.8	+1.1
Economic Region (Group 7)	48.0	46.0	+2.0
Economic Region (Group 8)	51.1	48.8	+2.3
Economic Region (Group 9)	52.6	51.8	+0.8
Economic Region (Group 10)	60.5	61.2	-0.7
Halifax Metropolitan Area	61.8	63.3	-1.5

Economic Region (Group 6) includes all of Cape Breton Island
Economic Region (Group 7) includes the counties of Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough and Pictou
Economic Region (Group 8) includes the counties of Annapolis, Hants and Kings
Economic Region (Group 9) includes the counties of Digby, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth
Economic Region (Group 10) includes the county of Halifax

TABLE 9

TOTAL LABOUR FORCE BREAKDOWN FOR ECONOMIC REGIONS

WITHIN NOVA SCOTIA

JUNE, 1979

(000's)

	Population	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate %	Participation Rate %	Employment - Population Ratio %
Economic Region (Group 6)	117	61	53	8	12.8	51.5	44.9
Economic Region (Group 7)	115	59	55	4	7.1	51.7	48.0
Economic Region (Group 8)	75	42	38	-	7.9	55.4	51.1
Economic Region (Group 9)	87	49	46	-	5.6	55.8	52.6
Economic Region (Group 10)	218	141	132	9	6.5	64.8	60.5
Halifax Metropolitan Area	183	121	113	8	6.4	66.1	61.8

Economic Region (Group 6) includes all of Cape Breton Island
Economic Region (Group 7) includes the counties of Antigonish, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough and Pictou
Economic Region (Group 8) includes the counties of Annapolis, Hants and Kings
Economic Region (Group 9) includes the counties of Digby, Lunenburg, Queens, Shelburne and Yarmouth
Economic Region (Group 10) includes the county of Halifax

APPENDIX [1]

Statistical Note:

The labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, participation rate, employment by industry and sub-provincial data contained in the Labour Force Report are estimates, which are derived from Statistics Canada's monthly Labour Force Survey. The reliability of these estimates is indicated by a letter. The letter "a" indicates the highest degree of reliability, "b", "c", etc., indicate decreasing levels of reliability. Reliability letters apply to all preceding months' data in each category. In 95 out of 100 cases, the percent of estimates at 1 Standard Deviation are: a ... 0.0-0.5; b ... 0.6-10.0; c ... 1.1-1.5; d ... 2.6-5.0; e ... 5.1-10.0; f ... 10.1-16.5; g ... 16.6-25.0. (Seasonally-adjusted estimates exclude seasonal movements from each month's data but include irregular and long-term cyclical fluctuations.)